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1. HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY DURING 1971-75 FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD TO TOTAL 12 BILLION FORINTS. SINCE 1971, 103,000 SPINDLES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION AND 4,500 AUTOMATIC LOOMS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED. AT PRESENT 55 PERCENT OF HUNGARIAN WEAVING MILLS ARE AUTOMATED AND EVERAL OF THESE MILLS HAVE SWITCHED OVER TO KNITTING TECHNOLOGY. THE SHARE OF SYNTHETIC KNITWEAR IN THE KNITTING BRANCH OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS RISEN FROM 27 - 50 PERCENT WITH THE SHARE OF SPECIFIC SEWING MACHINES IN THE READY-MADE CLOTHING INDUSTRY RISING FROM 30-50 PERCENT. AS RESULT OF THIS INVESTMENT EFFORT, HUNGARIAN TEXTILE OUTPUT INCREASED BY 3 PERCENT IN 1971; 6 PERCENT IN 1972; AND 11 PERCENT IN 1973.

2. DURNG THE FIFTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1976-80), THERE WILL BE A DOUBLING IN THE NUMBER OF MODERN SPINNING MACHINES T PERMIT 40 PERCENT OF FIBER PRODUCTION TO BE HANDLED BY NEW MACHINES

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IN 1980. OTHER PLANS INCLUDE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF

AUTOMATED LOOMS TO 70-80 PERCENT AND THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL MACHINES MORE THAN TEN YEARS OLD IN THE KNITTING INDUSTRY. BY 1980 THE QUANTITY OF KNIT FABRICS IN THE COTTON INDUSTRY WILL REACH 42 MILLION SQUARE METERS WHILE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REFINED FINISHED CLOTH WILL REACH 90 MILLION SQUARE METERS. CURRENT PRODUCTION OF KNITTED FABRIC IS 23 MILLION SQUARE METERS PER YEAR. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY DURING THE NEXT 5-YEAR PLAN WILL REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT 20 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THAT ALLOTTED TO THE INDUSTRY DURING THE CURRENT 5-YEAR PLA PERIOD. WHILE THE MAJORITY OF HUNGARIAN TEXTILE MACHINES ARE PURCHASED FROM OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, AND EAST GERMANY, CONSIDERABLE PURCHASES HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FROM WEST GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, ITALY AND BRITAIN. 1973 STATISTICS FOR EXPORT AND IMPORT OF TEXTILE MACHINERY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

## EXPORT (1973 - UNITS)

TEXTILE MACHINERY	8,240	
INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINES	3,926	

## IMPORT

TEXTILE MACHINERY	2,663	
PREPARATORY MCHINERY FOR SPINNING	85	
SPINNING MACHINERY	157	
WEAVING MACHINERY	454	
INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINES	5,894	

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